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In re application of: Frank Baumgarte, Jiashu Chen, and Christof Faller

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For: Backwards-Compatible Perceptual Coding of Spatial Cues

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Response is filed in response to the office action of 10/06/05.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-72 are pending in the application. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of these remarks.

In paragraph 1 of the office action, the Examiner required restriction under 35 USC 121 to one of the following groups of claims: Group I (claims 1-26), Group II (claims 27-48), Group III (claims 49-54), and Group IV (claims 55-72). In response, the Applicant elects Group II (claims 27-48) with traverse.

In arguing for restriction, the Examiner stated (1) that the groups "are unrelated" and (2) that "a serious burden" would be imposed on the Examiner "to perform a complete search of the defined area in both the patent and non-patent literature." The Applicant disagrees with both of these conclusions.

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